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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Under "*Background of the Invention*," paragraph 1, please make the following amendment:

Due to the development of a worldwide marketplace, the manufacturing industry has become extremely competitive. One of the largest ~~cost~~costs in the manufacturing industry, and one which has been on the rise for the past couple of years, has been the cost of fixtures and tooling for industrial machinery. The reason for the high cost is that the fixtures and tooling for the industrial machinery are typically customized for a specific operation and/or workpiece. In addition, various companies and/or manufacturing facilities may require different specifications for their industrial machinery thereby requiring machine builders to further customize their machines.

Under "*Description of the Preferred Embodiment*," paragraph 2, please make the following amendment:

Figs. 1-4 illustrate a modular base 10 for receiving and supporting ~~industrial-an~~industrial machine 12 having various types of fixturing (not shown) and tooling (not shown). Although not limited in its use, the modular base 10 is ideally suited for industrial machinery 12, such as automobile headrest stuffers, automobile headrest closures, automobile armrest paddle compression stuffers, paddle compression fixtures, etc. The modular base 10 provides a mounting table 14 that is adaptable to releasably receive the industrial machine 12. Four adjustable legs 16 and a light fixture 18 are connected to the mounting table 14, wherein the light

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fixture 18 extends over the industrial machine 12 to cast light on the industrial machine 12 and its surrounding area. A programmable controller 20 is connected to the mounting table 14 of the modular base 10 and is in communication with the industrial machine 12. A pneumatic controller 22 is connected to the programmable controller 20 and is adapted to communicate with the industrial machine 12. A control panel 24 is connected to the mounting table 14 and is in communication with the programmable controller 20. The control panel 24 is adaptable to manipulate the industrial machine 12.

Under “*Description of the Preferred Embodiment*,” paragraph 5, please make the following amendment:

It is contemplated that to position and support the mounting table 14, means for adjusting the position of the mounting table 14 includes four legs 16 that are connected to the underside of the mounting table 14. Each leg 16 has a pair of substantially parallel, substantially vertical supports 34, 42. The first support 34 includes a substantially rectangular column 35 having an L-shaped bracket 36 that is adjustably mounted to the column 35. A plurality of apertures 38 extend through the column 35, and fasteners (not shown) mounted on the L-shaped bracket 36 engage the apertures 38 therein. The fasteners on the L-shaped bracket 36 may engage any of the apertures 38 provided in the column 35 in order to adjust the height of the L-shaped bracket 36. Each L-shaped bracket 36 has a caster wheel 40 mounted thereon. The caster wheels 40 allow the modular base 10 to be rolled into a desired position.